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**GOVERNOR DAUGAARD SIGNS VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION**

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PIERRE, SD – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a proclamation recognizing the service of South Dakota’s veterans. The proclamation encourages South Dakotans to remember the service and sacrifice of the nation’s veterans and military personnel during Veterans Day observances.

“Whenever they’ve been needed, members of America’s armed forces have risen to the challenge of protecting our nation,” said Gov. Daugaard. “This is a day that is intended for giving thanks and reflecting on what has been sacrificed for our freedom.”

“Those who have worn the uniform of the United State have been prepared to sacrifice life and limb for the sake of our people and our values,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “We owe them a debt of gratitude greater than we can ever pay back.”

“This year, the Department and our partners have been contacting veterans to thank them for their service and brief them on benefits available to them,” said Zimmerman. “I encourage all of you to ask the veterans in your life to contact the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs if they have not received a call regarding Operation RAV. Have them call 605-773-3269.”

Secretary Zimmerman will be keynote speaker at Veterans Day programs in North Sioux City and Canton, Deputy Secretary Pollard will be the keynote speaker in Bison and Program Manager Henderson will be the keynote speaker in Colman.

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